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TAGS: MILI, PINT, PO

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE COUP ATTEMPT

SITREP NO. 8 AS OF 3:45 P.M. LOCAL

1. PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT: RADIO ANNOUNCER BROADCAST
BRIEF STATEMENT IN NAME OF PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES AT 3:40 P.M.
STATEMENT ATTACKED THE "ADVENTURE" AGAINST THE REVOLUTION,
LABELLING IT "TREASON" ON THE PART OF SOME (UNNAMED). THIS
ADVENTURE BY THOSE WHO WERE DECEIVED WITH FALSE AND PROVOCATIVE
INFORMATION LED TO SHOOTING AGAINST RAL-1. SINCE SITUATION IS
NOW CALM, ACCORDING TO STATEMENT, THE PRESIDENT HAS ALERTED THE
PEOPLE TO BE ON GUARD AGAINST MANEUVERS WHICH COULD EXCITE
POPULATION AND LEAD TO "FRATRICIDAL STRUGGLE" WHICH WOULD FAVOR
REACTIONARY FORCES. STATEMENT CONCLUDED WITH EXPRESSION OF
CONFIDENCE THIS EPISODE WOULD ONLY REINFORCE TIES BETWEEN PEOPLE
AND ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT. ALSO APPEALED FOR PORTUGUESE PEOPLE TO
REMAIN CALM AND DISPLAY "CIVIC MATURITY."

2. A FEW T-6'S CAN STILL BE SEEN MAKING LOW PASSES OVER THE
CITY.

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3. CROWDS ARE BEGINNING TO GATHER ON STREETS. ONE SMALL
GROUP PASSED EMBASSY SEVERAL MINUTES AGO SHOUTING SLOGANS
AGAINST CIA. WE HAVE ASKED FOR COPCON PROTECTION AND THEY
ASSURE US IT WILL BE FORTHCOMING. WE EXPECT DEMONSTRATIONS.
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